

We Need God to Dwell with us!

Exodus 26:1 Moreover thou shalt **make the**
tabernacle *with ten curtains* of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with cherubims* of cunning work shalt thou make them. 2 The length of one **curtain** *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one **curtain** four cubits: and every one of the **curtains** shall have one measure. 3 The five **curtains** shall be coupled together one to another; and *other* five **curtains** *shall be* coupled one to another. 4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one **curtain** from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* **curtain**, in the coupling of the second. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one **curtain**, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the **curtain** that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the **curtains** together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 And thou shalt make **curtains of goats' hair** to be a **covering upon the tabernacle**: eleven **curtains** shalt thou make. 8 The length of one **curtain shall be** thirty cubits, and the breadth of one **curtain** four cubits: and the eleven **curtains shall be all** of one measure. 9 And thou shalt couple five **curtains** by themselves, and six **curtains** by themselves, and shalt **double the sixth curtain** in the forefront of the tabernacle. 10 And thou shalt make **fifty loops** on the edge of the one **curtain that is** outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the **curtain** which coupleth the second. 11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 And the remnant that remaineth of the **curtains** of the tent, the half **curtain** that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. 13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the **curtains** of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.

15 And thou shalt **make boards for the tabernacle** of shittim wood standing up. 16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board. 17 Two tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward. 19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. 20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side *there shall be* twenty boards: 21 And their forty sockets *of* silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. 23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. 24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. 25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another

board. 26 And thou shalt make bars *of* shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. 28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. 29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. 30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle

according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

31 And thou shalt **make a vail** *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made: 32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim *wood* overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt **hang up the vail** under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither **within the vail** the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy. 34 And thou shalt put the

mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place*. 35 And thou shalt set the table **without the vail**, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side. 36 And thou shalt make an **hanging for the door of the tent**, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework. 37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27:1 And thou shalt **make an altar of shittim wood**, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. 3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou

shalt make *of* brass. 4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network *of* brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof. 5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. 6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with brass. 7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. 8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: **as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.**

9 And thou shalt make the **court of the tabernacle:** for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: 10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver. 11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver. 12 And *for* the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of

fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. **13** And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits. **14** The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. **15** And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen *cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three. **16** And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four. **17** All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver; their hooks *shall be* of silver, and their sockets of brass. **18** The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. **19** All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be* of brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, **to cause the lamp to burn always.** **21** In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to

morning before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

- Everything in the tabernacle and the tabernacle itself points to Jesus

1. They were commanded to make the tabernacle [26:1](#)

Moreover thou shalt **make the tabernacle** *with ten curtains* of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with cherubims* of cunning work shalt thou make them.

- a. God gave specific instructions about every detail of the tabernacle
 - i. He wanted it built to His specifications
 - ii. Every measurement was important
 - iii. Every detail was important
 - iv. We can learn that how we build and treat our place of worship is important
- b. We should not take lightly the great investment we have in our place of worship

- c. We should remember that all we do is a testimony to the believers and also to the community
 - d. The tabernacle was very expensive
 - i. What costs you nothing is worth nothing
 - ii. God's people spared no expense in the building of the tabernacle
 - iii. It took money, material goods, and great talent to build the tabernacle
 - iv. They worked hard on every detail
 - v. Much work goes into the planning of a new home we might choose to build
 - vi. Nothing less should go into the planning of our church building
 - e. We should be ready to sacrifice and work to make it happen
2. They were to build and use it exactly like He wanted
- 26:30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount. 27:8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.**

- a. When the tabernacle was completed and ready for use it was to be raised up to look like just what Moses had seen in the mount
- b. Every piece of equipment had a place where God wanted it
- c. The tabernacle was not to be just thrown together but meticulously put together like God wanted
- d. To me it seems important to God that they tabernacle be what He wanted
- e. I do not think it right that we do not consider how we will build and do our ministry without looking to Him
- f. Everything is to be done the way God showed Moses

3. Separation

- a. The world was separated from God's people by the enclosure
- b. The people were separated from God by the veil
- c. Before even the priests go to holiest place he had to go by the altar where sacrifices were made
- d. The veil has now been torn in to
- e. All can have access because of the sacrifice that Jesus made

- f. The tabernacle was beautiful on the inside but not very pretty on the outside
4. They were to never let the fire go out [27:20](#) **And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.**
- a. The oil had to be pure
 - i. They were not to look for short cuts
 - ii. They were to use only the best that they had and could get to worship God
 - b. It was to be a priority for them
 - i. It was oil that they got from beating the plants and not by the mechanical means that they had
 - ii. It cost each of them personally
 - iii. They had to work at it
 - c. It was to be perpetual, never ending
 - i. They were to keep at it
 - ii. Sometimes it is easy to get started in God's work but the real job is to stay at it

iii. This work is not done in a day or a year but a lifetime

5. It was for God's people **27:21** **In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations **on the behalf of the children of Israel.****

- a. God wasn't calling on people to come to worship Him because of His needs but rather to meet their needs
- b. We never should forget that we need God and not the other way around
- c. We take the gospel to the world because they desperately need the Lord